

Hot Topic Workshop: DATA CENTERS

Thursday, August 20, 2026
9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Eastern

Join us on August 20 for a workshop focused on data centers. The day will feature sessions on utility considerations, zoning discussions, and the economic impact of data centers. Whether you want to learn more about data center basics or are considering a data center project in your community, the workshop will provide useful information to help you make informed decisions. A recording will be available after the event for those unable to attend live.

AGENDA

9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Registration and Introduction to the Day We'll start the workshop by welcoming attendees, reviewing what to expect from the day, and offering timely Aim updates.
9:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Understanding Data Centers: What Local Leaders Need to Know This workshop provides local leaders with a foundational understanding of what data centers are, why they are growing in quantity and footprint, and why they matter to communities.
10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	The Realities of Data Centers and Utility Usage and Impacts This session will cover water and electricity demands and how more recent developments have changed these demands. Participants will also gain a clearer picture of how data centers interact with utilities and water systems.
11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Planning and Zoning for Data Centers This session will help participants evaluate whether their frameworks are sufficient and explore updates needed to effectively manage data center projects, which differ from traditional industrial developments.
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Luncheon Workshop: The Economic and Civic Impacts – Before, During and After Construction A panel of mayors will lead a discussion on how data center projects can spur local job growth, increase investment, address existing and new infrastructure, and advance community priorities throughout the development lifecycle.
1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	The Miscellany: Legal Considerations, Moratoria, NDAs, and Weighing Pros and Cons This workshop provides local leaders with an overview of key legal and policy considerations related to data center developments. Topics such as why some have implemented a moratorium to get their ducks in a row, the latest thoughts on confidentiality agreements, and the calculus of weighing pros and cons.
1:45 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	How to Actually Hear Your Community on High-Stakes Decisions Using data centers as the prime example, the session will explore strategies for meaningful public input, building trust, navigating differing perspectives, and creating opportunities for constructive dialogue.
2:45 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	End of Day Q&A & Adjourn

REGISTRATION

Deadline: Thursday, August 13

Event Location: Conner Prairie 13400 Allisonville Road, Fishers, IN Banquet Room 1 & 2		Special Needs and Dietary Restrictions (please specify):	
How to Register Online: aimindiana.org Fax: (317) 237-6206		Mail: 125 W Market Street, Suite 100 Indianapolis, IN 46204	
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